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Where It Fails.

His Wife-"I have a novel present for you. It's a phonograph record of my volce in a nice little talk to you. It will make you think of me while you're away in France." Maj. Grimbattle—"But, my dear, the phonograph will run only just so long

and then it stops."

Chicken Farming.

"Whut's de fus' thing you does when you's gineter keep chickens?' asked Miss Miami Brown. "If you's gineter keep chickens in dis locality," replied Mr. Erastus Pink-

ley, "de fus' thing I'd advise you to do to practice a little ev'y day wif a shotgun."

Sure, They're All Like That.

Mrs. Askalot-Ah, Mrs. Tellafew, so glad to see you, dear. By the way, what does your husband do? Mrs. Tellafew-He's a furniture fin-Isher.

Mrs. Askalot-Oh, I don't mean around home. What does he do for a living?

Question.

"That red-headed constituent of yours says the next time you come to his town he's going to be at the meeting with a basket of eggs." "Hum," rejoined Senator Sorghum, reflectively. "Ammunition or a bribe?"

The Difficulty.

"Now, sir, in teaching your wife elo-cution, I want her to make an impressive pause when she comes to a full stop.

"But she never does come to one, professor.



Higby-I married a college woman. Rigby-Gee! It must be tough to be tied to a woman who knows so much you don't know. Higby-No; the toughest part is that she knows how much I don't

Willing to Show It. Mary has a little dimple Lurking near her chin.

HAPPY IN POVERTY

Stern Pride That Is a Part of the Japanese Character.

Educator's Pathetic Story of Mother's Self-Denial and Son's Appreciation -Offer of Aid Most Gracefully Put Aside.

A Japanese educator tells the story of brothers in the agricultural college of Sapporo, in the northern island of Hokkiado. One day one of these boys appeared wearing a woman's yellow and black striped padded coat, with a velvet neckband, showing that the garment was ordinarily worn to support a baby carried Japanese fashion on the back. There was much titter-ing among the other students at this strange garb and the instructors found their classes somewhat demoralized. At noon the young man was called into the faculty room for an explanation. His father was dead; his mother made a bare subsistence out of a small farm; she had managed to save enough to send her boys to school with clothes for the summer season, and nothing more. When winter came the mother wrote that in vain she had tried to save enough extra money to buy them the necessary winter kimono; that in spite of every economy she had been unable to manage it-such was the

story. "So I am sending you my own ki-mono and coat," she wrote. "You must mono and cost," sne wrote. "You must have your thin cotton ones washed and mended, though I know they must be nearly worn out by this time. Wear my heavy kimono," the boy went on. "When I can I will send you some money to buy new ones.'

"But though I have mended my old kimono," the boy went on, "it is too ragged. There was only one thing to do-wear this one on the outside.' He was asked why at least he had not removed the telltale black velvet band.

"Last night," he replied, "I took the scissors and began to rip, but suddenly I remembered how my mother's hands had sewed those stitches, and how she had taken off her warm coat to send me, and how she was always working for us and thinking of us here, lonely for the sight of our faces, and I could not rip out the stitches of my mother's hands. I am sorry, sensei, but I had to wear it as it was."

Those same boys were later invited to live free of expense in a small dormitory donated by an American lady, Gertrude Emerson writes in Asia Magazine. The younger boy came to thank her, but to explain that acceptance would be out of the question. "My brother is very proud," he said. Besides, you do not understand. It Is true that the paper shutters are torn and that sometimes it is cold, but we like our poor room. It is true that our lamp is small and the light is dim, but we study very well that way. It is for our education that we suffer. We are quite happy."

Strange Power of Lietals. The importance of the remarkable surface actions that distinguish metals generally was noted in a lecture by Sir William Tilden at the British scientific products exhibition. The property of platinum of causing the combination of oxygen gas with hydrogen and other combustible substances was discovered by Davy just 100 years ago, but other metals show still strange powers. One of the most valuable is the power possessed by nickel of causing hydrogen to combine with heated oil, converting it into a fat that is solid when celd. A substance acting by its mere presence in this way is vst, and catalytic actions ed a cate are now turned to account on a large scale in making sulphuric and uitric acids and ammonia, in the surface combustion of gas, in obtaining fats from whale oil and in a variety of manufacturing processes. A great field is open in the study of catalytic effects.

A NEW HULLESS OAT. (Experimental Farms Note.)

The introduction of a good, new variety of hulless oats by the Experi mental Farms Branch has not perhaps attracted as much attention as it should. Free samples of this variety are now being distributed by the Dominion Cerealist at Ottawa. The stock on hand is not large, but as long

as it lasts samples will be gladly sent to farmers in almost any district of Canada, as it is believed that this cat will be widely useful. The full name of the variety is Liberty, Ottawa 480. It is derived from a cross made in 1903 between the well known variety, Swedish Select, and a hulless oat from China. The new yariety is de-cidedly superior to the old, Chinese sort. Threshing out free from hull, this type of oat furnishes a concen-trated product of extremely high val-ue which has only to be ground in orwill be widely useful. The full name ue which has only to be ground in or-der to make most, excellent feed es-recially for young pigs and chickens. When carefully enough cleaned for use as human food, it makes meal of surprisingly fine quality. The Liber-ty oat has very good field characters. ty oat has very good field characters, being rather early in ripening and having reasonably stiff straw. The yield (so far as the kernel is con-cerned) is equal to about seven-eighths of that of Banner oats. Farmers who are interested in the rais ing of hogs and chickens are strongly advised to give this new ont a trial. It has already proven extremely sat-is factory in some districts.

C. E. Saunders, Dominion Cerealist

THE CANADIAN POULTRY SITU ATION.

No branch of food production has suffered during the war to a greater extent than that of poultry and eggs. In any countries of Europe it has al-In any countries of Europe it has ar-most disappeared, while in others scarcity of feed and high prices and the closing of markets have compel-led serious reductions of poultry flocks. The need thus created is re-garded by Mr. W A Brown chief of sarded by Mr. W. A. Brown, chief of the Poultry Division of the Federal Live Stock Branch, as Canada's op-Live stock Branch, as Canada's op-portunity to pave the way for a per-manent place in the export trade to Great Britain. Mr. Brown expressed this opinion at the first Canadian Na-tional Bouless Construction and the stock. this opinion at the first Canadian Na-tional Poultry Conference, held in Ot-tawa this year, the report of which has been published and is available at the Publications Branch of the De-partment of Agriculture at Ottawa. It was strongly urged at that confer-ence that this is the time of co-oper-ation. The provinces were recomation. ation. The provinces were recom-mended to co-operate with the Do-minion as the great clearing house of operations coloritations for the second of operations calculated to promote the industry. The poultry industry was recommended as a means of sol-diers' re-establihment by Mr. W. J. Black, Chairman of the Land Settle-Board. H_e expressed the hope that he would see a small flock of poultry about the homes of every returned soldier who becomes settled on the land.

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Put to Better Use. "Some men think more of their automobiles than they do of themselves. "That's right," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop. "I've seen many a man go thirsty hisself so's he could afford alcohol to put in the radiator."

And Yet They Seem Voluminous. "Don't you think some of your re-marks might have been omitted?" "Might have been," exclaimed Sen-ator Sorghum. "Most of them have been!"

The Way of It. "The indifferent young doctors and lawyers return us good for evil when we turn them out." "How so?" "They take us in."

Childhood's Lesson. Now-He is the meek, subdued hus-band of a rampant suffragist. Then-As a child they always said

of him: "He's so good about taking his medicine."-Life

The Evidence in the Case. "Do you charge that my clerk was trying to escape giving you full measure? "Well, sir, I caught him trying to steal a weigh. S

Hope Not. "Women seem to be doing men's work very satisfactorily nowadays." "Yes. I hope it won't result in our

developing a class of he-manicures."

English-Grown Belladonna.

Belladonna, which before the war came almost exclusively from Germany, is now being cultivated at Dorking on a scale that will prevent any possibility of dearth in the future, and doctors, who partially discontinued its use, may now prescribe it as freely as they did before the war, says the London Times. The first of the Dorking plantations was started immediately after the war broke out, but the difficulty of obtaining the seed, and more especially the slow growth of the plant, in the initial stages, prevented the drug being produced in large quantities until this year. Next year a still larger quantity will be placed on the market. Practically the whole of the plantations are on waste ground that could not possibly produce food. If the seed is sown in the open, it takes four years before sufficient herb can be cut to make a paying crop.

Value in Skim Milk.

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